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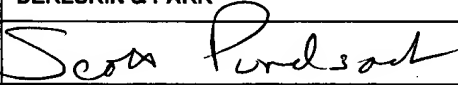
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In response to the office action mailed January 17, 2003, please amend claims 23, 25, 26 and 29 of the above-identified application as follows:

#### In the claims:

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23. (Amended) In a microfiltration membrane device, for withdrawing permeate essentially continuously from a multi-component liquid substrate while increasing the concentration of particulate material therein, said membrane device including:

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